



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY AGENT

In 2007, Mother Nature hit us hard with excessive rainfall and flooding in the spring. Many roads were lost, personnel was put to the test but thanks to the 110% efforts of our crew, other department staff, outside contractors, and support of the Town, we were able to restore these roads.

I appreciate the Alton residents for their patience and understanding and support of the Highway Department during that difficult time, the flooding put a heavy demand on the department's manpower and resources in the months that followed. Our department handled over 2100 incoming telephone calls this past year.

Snow removal plays a major part in our operations. The crew works diligently so that our roads are useable for residents of the community to ensure their safe journey to work, school and elsewhere. In 2007 our department was out salting, sanding and plowing for 47 weather related events.

Our mechanics manage the fleet of vehicles, they are responsible for the preventive maintenance of 31 pieces of equipment in the department, including trucks, and seasonal equipment, supporting not only the Highway but other Town vehicles as well.

During 2007 Powder Mill Road was successfully reconstructed and work is completed. Other projects included installation of culverts on Spring Street and Jesus Valley Road.

Overlay paving and backing of shoulders was done on Halls Hill Road, Loon Cove Road, Bell Road, Roberts Cove Road, Avery Hill Road and a portion of Roger Street.

Projects for 2008 include widening and paving of Hayes Road.

In conclusion I would like to say "please take that extra time driving to your destination, it could make all the difference you'll need".

Respectfully submitted,
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Highway Agent